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VERIFICATION

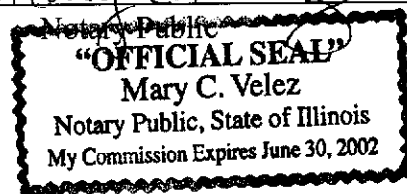
Willena D. Slocum, being duly sworn, states on oath that she is Project Manager – Contract Negotiations Support for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Agreement and Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Willena D. Slocum

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of June, 2000.

Mary C. Velez



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State of Florida

County of Hillsborough

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Ron A. Walters, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is

Regional Vice President – Industry Policy of **Z-Tel Communication,**

Inc., the Applicant in the instant proceeding; that he has read the foregoing interconnection agreement and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of his knowledge.

The Agreement together with its appendices and attachments incorporated therein is an integrated package and is the result of good faith negotiation and compromise. The Agreement between Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("Ameritech Illinois") and Z-Tel Communications, Inc. ("Z-Tel") is in the public interest and comports with the relevant requirements of state law.

The implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. It will allow the exchange of traffic between Ameritech Illinois and Z-Tel, furthering the transition of telecommunications competition in the State of Illinois. The Agreement allows diversity in providers, provides interconnectivity, and increases customer choices for telecommunications services. The Agreement permits end users of Ameritech Illinois and Z-Tel to complete calls to one another.

I believe this Agreement fosters, encourages, and accelerates the continuing development and emergence of an advanced telecommunications environment and infrastructure and to that end, not only advances, but also protects the public interest.

I am not aware of any provision of this Agreement that discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement are available to any similarly local service provider in negotiation of a similar Agreement.

Ron A. White

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9 day of June 2000.

Sarah Greenhawt

My Commission Expires 4/10/04

